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GHI Completes Agreement With FMIC To Finance Down Payments on Sales

by Al Skolnik

After a delay of six months, the agreement negotiated with the First Mutual Investment Company of Baltimore for the refinancing of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. units up for sale has finally gone into effect, GHI manager John O. Walker announced at last Friday's board of directors meeting. The need for FMIC to secure permission of the Maryland Banking Commission to operate a branch office in Greenbelt partly caused the delay. This permission was finally forthcoming two weeks ago.

Under the refinancing agreement which was originally negotiated last July, the Baltimore company will advance loans up to \$1,500 to prospective buyers of GHI units, provided at least 20 percent of the down payment is paid in cash. In addition, a borrower will have to meet the requirements laid down by GHI that no loan will exceed 100 percent of equity plus interest and fee charges of FMIC. Equity is here defined as the difference between the original GHI book price and the current contract balance plus the 3 percent working capital assessment. In the case of frame homes, no loan will exceed \$1,000.

Loans will be made for as long as 4 years, with the possibility of 5-year loans later if experience is favorable. Six percent interest, discounted in advance will be charged, 5 percent to FMIC and 1 percent to GHI as a fee for administrative services in processing loans and collecting payments. In addition, a service fee of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent per year.

This is how the loan formula would work: If a prospective buyer wished to purchase a brick home for which the owner wanted merely his book equity of \$1,250, he would be required to put up 20 percent in cash (\$250). FMIC could then loan him the balance of \$1,000. The interest and fee on this loan for a 4-year period would amount to \$350, which when added to the amount of the loan would be less than the \$1,500 ceiling. Monthly payments on the note would come to about \$28 (\$1,350 + 48 months).

For any brick home where the book equity was more than \$1,400, a prospective buyer would have to put up more than 20 percent cash for a 4-year loan, since the maximum loan that could be made under the \$1,500 ceiling would be about \$1,110 (interest and fee would amount to the difference).

If a prospective buyer wished to purchase a frame home for which the owner wanted his equity of \$400 plus \$500 for improvements, he would be required to put up \$180 in cash (20 percent of \$900), plus that portion of the remaining \$720 which exceeds 100 percent of equity plus the interest and fee charges for borrowing \$720. (\$400 + \$255). The maximum amount advanced by FMIC for a down payment on a frame house would be about \$745 for a 4-year loan, since this amount plus interest and fee charges would reach the \$1,000 ceiling in effect for frame homes.

Walker stressed that the FMIC plan will be used sparingly, to supplement and not compete with other local credit sources such as the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, and the bank. Since all loans must be initiated and approved by GHI personnel, real control over the situation, he said, rests in the hands of the corporation.

Walker admitted that FMIC is charging higher interest rates than the other lending institutions, but pointed out that it will be financing many of the poorer credit risks who cannot get loans from other sources. He stated that this

was the situation with respect to the first two FMIC loans that he had tentatively approved.

Other Financing Sources

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union makes loans to finance down payments on GHI units for up to 3 years, with no fixed limits on the maximum amount of the loan. The interest rate on loans is 1 percent per month on the unpaid balance.

Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, which just started operations this month, charges for down payments on GHI units 6 percent per year on the face of the amount of the loan, which includes the cost of insuring the life of the borrower. In dollars and cents, this is about the same as the Credit Union. So far the Association has set no fixed limits on the amount or duration of loans, preferring to judge each situation on its individual merits.

Both lending agencies, like FMIC, require borrowers to assign the equities in their GHI homes as security for the loans. Generally speaking, no additional security is required, though when the loan is in excess of equity, the Credit Union will use car titles and other personal assets as collateral.

Both lending agencies limit their loans to members. To become a member, the Credit Union requires a deposit of \$5, and the Association, the purchase of a \$100 share. The other financial institution in town — Suburban Trust Company — is not at present making any loans for the purpose of financing the down payments on GHI units.

North End Property

The board gave the go-ahead signal for the remodeling of the 4-unit North End Store property, authorizing management to contract directly for its own labor and materials. Walker reported that estimates received from private contractors were considerably in excess of the \$2,500 per unit originally anticipated. He felt that under the direction of Dave Kane, GHI building superintendent, the corporation would get a much better job at less outlay if it did the work itself.

The board appropriated the balance of approximately \$7,000 from the proceeds of the Warner-Kanter land sale to start the remodeling. It is estimated that this amount will be sufficient to refurbish the interior of the building and to make the 4 units livable. Later, as income comes in from the building, additional monies will be appropriated to redo the exterior. The board also expects to have available before long the third installment of \$26,200 due on the sale of the undeveloped land. Previous installments of about \$30,000 were used to purchase the North End property and to meet related expenses such as taxes, legal fees, etc.

Insurance

The board also appropriated up to \$500 to engage the services of a Baltimore insurance counselor to analyze the fire and extended coverage insurance needs of the corporation. A report is expected by the next meeting on Friday, February 14.

Arson Suspected In Basement Fire

A small but smoky blaze in a basement locker of the apartments at 7 Parkway was promptly put out by the Greenbelt Fire Department and the Berwyn Heights Fire Department. The apartment building, owned by Greenbelt Apartments Inc., was not damaged, except by smoke.

Police and firemen suspect possible arson. A rolled-up newspaper, burned at both ends was found near the fire.

The contents of the locker consisted largely of summer clothes and suitcases owned by Dr. and Mrs. Jim Elam of apartment 7A Parkway. The damage to these contents was estimated to be over \$40. The contents were not covered by insurance.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Elam are offering a \$10 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the guilty person or persons.

According to Police Chief Williams the basements of these apartments offer certain attractions to young Greenbelters during the winter time. The basement doors are never locked. The basements are warm and reasonably well lighted. The apartment tenants do not often shoo them out. Some of Greenbelt's younger set have been seen playing cards and smoking in these basements.

The police are patrolling the apartment basements but because there are so many of them the police need the help of the parents of the juveniles involved and the cooperation of the tenants in reporting stray juveniles, says Williams.

SCOUT COUNCIL MEETING

A camping exhibit, complete even to the half-cooked pancake in a skillet over a primitive fireplace; natural table decorations of pine cones, knobs and roots; and native stone scones and other exhibits lent emphasis to the theme expressed at the Annual Council meeting of the Girl Scout Council of Southern Maryland, held Monday, January 20, at the Mt. Rainier Methodist Church.

More than 150 Girl Scout adults from Prince Georges and St. Mary's Counties, including a scattering of men, many of them among the Council's 27 registered "Mr. Girl Scouts," attended the meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. Donald Crooks, of College Park, Council President.

Co-op Patronage Refund

This is patronage refund time at the Co-op Super Store, Pharmacy, and Service Station. The past year's cash register receipts should be turned in by February 15 to the office, behind the food store, in Greenbelt. Shoppers will be notified about April 15 of the amount of their Patronage Refund.

This week, Co-op reminded its shoppers to clip their receipts in bundles of 25 each, number each bundle, and enter the total amount of purchases shown by each bundle, and the total purchases for the year, on the special form that has now been mailed to all present members. New shoppers can get their forms in the Co-op Super Store.

To help with the adding, adding machines will be available in the store. After the adding has been done, the receipts and the filled out form should be placed in a strong paper bag, with the name and address of the patron plainly written on the outside along with the "grand total." The bag is then turned in and a signed receipt given to the shopper.

The Co-op asks its members to use the forms received in the mail, rather than the extra ones in the store. This way, the imprinted names on the mailed forms are exactly as those appearing on the Co-op's records, greatly reducing the time to process the approximately 15,000 refund claims expected.

Shoppers should call the Co-op office at Granite 3-2231 for additional information.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
Council Of The City Of
Greenbelt, Maryland

February 3, 1958

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting, January 20, 1958
4. Minutes of Special Meeting December 17, 1957
5. Petitions and Requests
6. Written Communications
7. Monthly Reports
8. Act on Petition to Re-Zone Land on Crescent Opposite 56 Court for Commercials
9. Ordinance (Second Reading) Establish School Zones
10. Act on Fire Department and Rescue Squad's Request to Manage Fourth of July
11. Resolution - Leave for Part Time Employees
12. Resolution - Set date for Referendum on Changing Charter
13. Resolution - Encourage Commercial Enterprises
14. Discuss Department Heads' Attendance at Council Meetings

STOP SIGNS STOPPED

The stop signs on Greenbelt road at its intersection with Edmonston road have been removed by the State Roads Commission. Police Chief Williams warns drivers that there is still a 4-way stop at the intersection of Greenbelt road and Kenilworth avenue.

School Cuts Deployed

Prince Georges County Commissioner Frank Lastner, in an interview, stated that the five county commissioners voted unanimously to urge President Eisenhower to restore the cut he plans in Federal school aid to the County. The \$1,900,000 given now is justified, Comm. Lastner feels, because the parents were brought into the county to work for the government. Without this aid the county rate would have to go up 25 cents.

At the same time the Commissioners also voted unanimously to urge the overriding of the Governor's veto of the teachers' pay raise bill.

NEW SCHEDULE

William R. Spates, District Manager of the Social Security Office in Silver Spring, announced today that effective Feb. 1, Mrs. N. S. Levsky of his office would be in the Municipal Building in Hyattsville only on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The office in Silver Spring is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 8605 Cameron st. The phone number is JU 8-5545.

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On Charter Changes

The Citizens Charter Referendum Committee, under the chairmanship of ex-councilman Bob Hurst, has done an able job of soliciting signatures for its petition. Indeed 640 names is an impressive percentage of the total number of registered voters. But a word of caution is in order. There is a decided difference between advocating a referendum and taking a stand, pro or con, on the charter changes themselves.

Those who circulated the petitions, in many cases, did not address themselves to the significance of the changes, but merely to the desirability of conducting a referendum. The appeal was based on the position that any change to the city charter was important enough to warrant consideration by all the voters — and that the voters should have the privilege of ratifying or nullifying the decision of our five-man council.

Furthermore, many of those who signed the petitions have not yet made up their minds as to how they will vote in the referendum. They, too, were asking for a referendum only, without prejudice to the outcome of such a vote and without debate on the merits of the charter changes to present their viewpoints for public scrutiny. The 640 signers of the petitions represent any significant support, either for or against, the charter changes.

It remains, then, for both the proponents and the opponents of the charter changes to present their viewpoints for public scrutiny, consideration and debate. We would welcome letters to the editor discussing the merits, the pros and cons, the reasons for or against, with respect to the changes — particularly from members of the city council, but also from any interested citizens-at-large. We, in turn, will do our best to present the issues and explain the meaning of the changes in a straightforward manner.

McCoy-Sowell

An informal reception was held Saturday, January 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sowell, Berwyn Heights, formerly of Greenbelt, in honor of their son, Ray S. Sowell, and his fiance, Miss Margery McCoy.

Sowell and Miss McCoy, both of whom reside in Cincinnati, Ohio, and are employed by the General Electric Corporation there, were here for the weekend, visiting Ray's parents.

After a June wedding, the young couple plan to make their home in Cincinnati.

Stone-Snow

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Stone, 7-J Southway, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cassie May, to Selben W. Snow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Snow, of Mt. Airy, North Carolina.

Miss Stone is a graduate of High Point High School and is now attending the Gardner School of Business, Silver Spring. Snow is a graduate of Franklin High School, Mt. Airy, North Carolina.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB

The Toastmasters Club of Greenbelt gave a demonstration in public speaking at the Lions Club regular dinner meeting last week. President Harold Hufendick explained the club's purpose and Toastmaster Earl Thomas gave a demonstration of a Toastmaster in action, including table topics, in which the Lions participated. The Lions, including the tall twister, indicated their interest in the program by being unusually quiet.

WANTED!

Back copies of architectural and housing publications. We are starting an information center for home ideas. Please bring such material to our office so others may share it.

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Greenbelt Baptist Church

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Rev. Suttie to Address Baptists in Services

The Rev. Robert Suttie, pastor of the Temple Hills Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., will speak before the midweek service of the Greenbelt Baptist Church on Thursday evening, February 6. The meeting will be held in the Center School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Suttie, who has served as a pastor in North Carolina, Kentucky, and California, has been chosen by the Greenbelt Baptist Church to be their guest preacher during special services to be held in the Center School beginning on Sunday, April 13, and concluding on Friday evening, April 18. The Thursday evening service will be an occasion for Mr. Suttie to meet with the members of the Greenbelt Church and to plan for the coming series of services. After Mr. Suttie concludes his address, the congregation will have an opportunity to meet him during the refreshment period.

The members of the evangelism committee, composed of Dr. William J. Crowder, chairman, Waldo B. King, Mrs. John J. Oleksak, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Reynolds, are making preparations for the special services.

Men of the Greenbelt Baptist Church will clear the church property on Saturday morning in preparation for the building of the first unit this spring. A hearty lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, and coffee will be served to the hard working men by the women of the church. Last Saturday the men were not able to manifest their skills with their axes because of inclement weather.

PARENT-TEACHER GUILD

St. Hugh's Parent-Teacher Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 4, at 8 p.m. in the Social Room of the school. Following the meeting the children in the lower grades will present a "Program of Songs" as the special attraction of the evening.

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ART SHOW AND CONTEST

The Art Shop and Gallery, at 8433 Georgia ave., (opposite the Silver Spring Post Office,) announces its first all-student art show and contest. The show opens March 1st and will run for two weeks. On March 8 a group of judges, consisting of some of Washington's leading artists, will award a first, second and third prize. These prizes will be a \$15, a \$10 and a \$5 merchandise certificate for art materials from The Art Shop. There is no age or subject or media requirement. The participants must, however, be students, whether of a public, private, civic, or mail order course. There is no entrance fee involved. All work must be presented at The Art Shop no later than February 28.

Entry blanks may be obtained at The Art Shop, 8433 Georgia ave., Silver Spring, Md.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. If you have a yen for wasps it may interest you to know that scientists say that there are wasps 500,000 times smaller than a house fly. Wonder how you see them.

CAPITAL NEEDED

To the Editor:

The need for a savings and loan association in Greenbelt has long been felt by citizens who want to see new houses built and the marketability of existing houses improved. At considerable expense in time and money, and without any remuneration, some of these citizens have organized the Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, Inc. They invite all like-minded fellow citizens to strengthen the association by pooling any savings they can lay by and serving as officers and committee members.

Serving on our board until the first annual membership meeting, to be held this quarter, are Bruce Bowman, Anthony Madden, Eleanor Ritchie, Harry Weidberg, Earl Ogburn, and Robert Garin. Miss Cyrilla O'Connor is chairman of the supervisory committee. Quite a few others have served in various capacities. Officers of the Credit Union have also helped us form the new organization, which they regard as complementary to their own operation.

A great deal of capital will be needed, and frankly, we do not now have a great deal of capital. Just for an example, to pay the rent for an upstairs room at the Center would require the income from investment of \$16,000 at 6 percent. Our resourceful manager, Jim Cassels, is working without pay. We are confident that the enterprising cooperative spirit that prevails in Greenbelt will amass the necessary capital by putting to work the small savings and donated efforts of many people with resulting benefits to savers and borrowers.

If all citizens understood this objective, they would appreciate the generosity of the apartment management at 1 Parkway in making space available, and of various building and builders' supply firms, and the GCS, in outfitting our attractive temporary quarters. These quarters are not of commercial character and are a definite improvement to the building. They are more in the nature of a meeting place and information center.

We cordially invite all citizens and particularly city councilmen to drop in at 1 Parkway and talk things over.

George C. Reeves
Secretary, Twin Pines Savings
and Loan Association, Inc.

Opera Notes

Lisa Della Casa, prima donna soprano of the Metropolitan, Salzburg, Glyndebourne and the Vienna Opera, will sing the title role of Richard Strauss' "Ariadne auf Naxos" when the opera comedy is presented here by the Opera Society of Washington February 6, 7 and 9. She will replace Lois Marshall, who was forced to cancel her engagement because of an emergency operation. This will mark Miss Della Casa's first appearance in Washington, and her first American performance of the part of Ariadne, which she says is her favorite role.

"Ariadne" is one of the few operas which contain a major speaking role. This part of the Major Domo will be taken by Stefan Schnabel, son of the late pianist, Arthur Schnabel. Star of radio, television, stage and screen, Mr. Schnabel was recently seen on Broadway in "The Love of Four Colonels."

Rehearsals for the production have already started in New York and will continue in Washington late this week. Tickets for the three performances, those on February 6 and 7 at 8:30 P.M. and the one on February 9 at 5:30 P.M., are on sale at the office of the Opera Society, 1745 K st., N.W.; the Discount Record Shop, 1340 Connecticut Ave., N.W.; and the National Symphony box office, 1108 G st., N.W.

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Thursday, February 13th (Nite)

Monday, February 17th (Nite)

Tuesday, February 25th (Nite)

Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik - GRanite 4-6060

It's a boy for the Billy Colemans, 5-B Eastway. Robert Joseph arrived on January 15, weighing 6 lbs. 3 1/2 oz. He joins two sisters, Diane and Peggy.

Corporal Martin Rosenzweig, 4-E Crescent, is now stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Birthday greetings to Mickey Petkof, 5-A Eastway, who celebrated her sixth birthday, January 6. Mickey and her friends were treated to Brook John's TV show, and afterwards ate their dessert in a restaurant.

Happy birthday to Joyce Goldsworthy, 15-S Laurel. This young lady was nine years old on January 22.

Visiting the Rosen family, 3-J Eastway last weekend was Sylvia's mother, Mrs. Bessie Stroblas of New York City.

Many of our Greenbelt physicists are attending meetings of the American Physical Society in New York City. Richard Ferrell, 18-U Ridge, Joseph Sucher, 15-D Ridge, Martin Swetnick, 57-L Ridge, and Fred Singer, former Greenbelter, will present papers at the conference.

Birthday greetings to Mark Crowder, 15-E Laurel, who will be seven years old on January 31.

Seen around town in his "track" suit was our energetic Recreation Director, Warren Leddick.

A baby shower for Mrs. Harry Goldworthy, 15-S Laurel, was given last Monday by Mrs. Fred Richardson, 15-Q Laurel, and Mrs. Francis Magrum, 15-L Laurel, at the latter's home. Dorothy Crowder reports that a crib was beautifully decorated in pinks and blues, and the food was delicious. Many friends and relatives helped make the occasion a very happy one.

Congratulations to my 9 1/2 year old daughter, Barbara, who had an article accepted for publication. When she received the exciting news, she ran over to her four month old brother and cried, "It's all because of you!" You see, the subject of Barbara's paper was "babies". Like all parents, we made quite a fuss over this important event. When I informed her that several people asked for autographed copies of her article, she said very impatiently, "I'm not a great author, yet. I have years to study." (Can you imagine! I've collected enough rejection slips to wallpaper our complete house).

The Bill Tredwells, 5-A Crescent, have Florence's sister, Sylvia Axelrod of Merion, Pennsylvania visiting this week.

Birthday greetings to Georgie Lee Confers who celebrated her eleventh birthday on January 26. Georgie and her friends partied at a skating rink.

Navy Ens. Donald R. Schoeb, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Schoeb, 33-N Ridge, is serving with Airborne Early Warning Squadron 14 at the Naval Air Station, Barber's Point, T. H. The squadron, part of the Pacific Fleet Early Warning Wing, flies the Lockheed Super Constellation aircraft equipped with radar for detecting any surface or aerial enemy attack.

William A. Denson, son of Mrs. Bettie G. Denson, 13-C Hillside, recently was promoted to sergeant in the Corps of Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Cadet Denson is in his fourth year at the academy.

Marine Cpl. Joe M. Schubert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schubert, 1-B Gardenway, took part in an air-ground landing exercise by units of the First Marine Division, at Camp Pendleton, California, during January 11-24.

4-H CLUB TO ORGANIZE

A 4-H unit for girls 9 to 10 years of age is being formed in Greenbelt by Mrs. Harvey Geller, 117 Northway. Girls who wish to join and parents interested in helping to organize the group, may contact Mrs. Geller at GRanite 4-6323.

INDIAN DANCE

The Greenbelt Indian dance group, under the supervision of Mrs. Robert Hurst, will present a program of Indian dances and films on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 1:15 p.m. in the Center School auditorium. Admission 25 cents, pre-school children free. Public invited to this fund raising project sponsored by Center School PTA.

Fashion-Conscious Club

Members of the Greenbelt Women's Club are busy cutting and stitching their own interpretations of the "Ideal Costume for the Clubwoman's Wardrobe." These outfits will be judged in the nation-wide Fashion-Sewing Contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Washington, D.C., with the cooperation of Vogue Pattern Service and the Woman's Club Service Bureau, New York City.

Contestants in the local judging will model their costumes at the February 13 meeting. Each outfit is to be judged on the basis of versatility and appropriateness for club occasions, becomingness, overall fashion effect, and workmanship.

The winner of the local contest will be eligible to compete in the judging to be held later at the District level of the Federation. Her prizes in the local contest will include a copy of the Vogue Dressmaking Book and a Vogue pattern of her choice.

State contests will follow the District judgments, with \$50 awards going to the winners. National prizes, for which the state winners will compete, include \$250 for First Prize, \$150 for Second Prize and \$100 for the Third Prize. First and Second prize winners will also receive a trip to the 1958 GFWC convention in Detroit as part of their award.

Clubs represented by the various winners will receive special awards in the form of scrolls, banners, seals, and a special gavel.

PACK 746

The January Meeting of Pack 746 was held at the Methodist Church. Something new was started by having the boys meet downstairs while the elder Cubbers met upstairs for discussion. The Flag Ceremony was led by the Webelos Den. Awards were given as follows: Bear Badge, 1 silver arrow - Jerry Booher; 1 silver arrow - Bobby Varney; Bobcats - David Graham, Randy Roberts, and John Weber; Webelos - Robert Miller. The Pack will miss Bob Miller, but we know he will do a good job in the troop.

The Pack welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Leland Roberts of Laurel Hill Road as our newest Committee members. Mrs. Roberts will be the Den Mother for Den 1 and Roberts is Assistant Cubmaster.

Den 2 had a very novel skit - a color home movie made with Mr. Helwig as producer, director, and editor. By the excellent results, it was obvious that a great deal of time and effort had gone into its production. The boys liked it very much. Old time movies were shown (Charlie Chaplin, Our Gang, Buster Keaton) and were enjoyed by all.

It has been brought to the Cubmaster's attention that not enough credit is being given to the Den Mothers and Assistant Den Mothers. I hope they don't feel this way, because they are tremendously appreciated. Sometimes things don't get said right out. In the future I hope to remedy this, and I know the whole Pack feels the same way.

Don't forget the Pack trip to Walter Reed on February 12. We will meet at the Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Drivers are needed, so please call 7371 if you can help in this capacity.

Try to make the Scout Sunday Service at the Methodist Church, February 2, at 11 a.m.

STATE INCOME TAX HELP

Representatives from the Income Tax Division of the Office of Comptroller for the State of Maryland will visit nearby towns to assist taxpayers in the preparation of their State income tax returns for 1957.

They will be available for consultation in Laurel at the Citizens National Bank on February 24 and 25, and at the District Training School on February 26 and 27. In Hyattsville they will hold office hours in the County Service Building on March 3 through March 7.

A permanent office is located in the International Office Building, 1319 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

LEAGUE LUNCHEON

Reservations can still be made for the luncheon sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County, Wednesday, February 5, at the Jimmy Comber's Supper Club, 4318 Rhode Island Ave. Chalmers Roberts of the Washington Post and Times Herald will speak on "NATO, Its Role in a Missile World".

Reservations can be made by calling Mrs. Geller, GRanite 4-6323, Mrs. Rohrlich, SPPrice 3-9464, or Mrs. Finnorn, LOgan 7-1943 no later than Monday, February 3. Cost for the luncheon sponsored by the tax and tip.

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